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\$22.6M Awarded for Curtis Road Grade Separation and Complete Streets Project

SAVOY— The Village of Savoy will receive more than \$22.6M to compete the Curtis Road Grade Separation and Complete Streets Project. The funding was awarded through the Department's highly competitive Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program aimed at helping communities carry out infrastructure projects with significant local or regional impact.

Congresswoman Nikki Budzinski called to congratulate Village President John Brown and the formal announcement was made by the Congresswoman and Senators Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth, via joint press release.

"The Village is very excited about this successful grant application. On behalf of the Village, I would like to thank Village staff, Senators Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth, Congresswoman Niki Budzinski, and our supporting state elected and appointed leaders. With their hard work, and through their passionate advocacy, the Village's decades-long dream of the Curtis Road Complete Street and Grade Separation Project is becoming reality. This is a huge win, not only for the Village but for the entire Champaign-Urbana Savoy region," said President Brown.

Curtis Road Grade Separation and Complete Streets Project has been in the region's long-term plan and strategic vision for decades. Many positive outcomes of this project are expected including, but not limited to:

- Providing uninterrupted public safety and emergency response access to the eastern half of the Village currently bisected by Canadian National.
- Providing safe access to sidewalks and roadways for pedestrians, bicyclists, and people with disabilities.
- Maintaining railroad delivery and transportation efficiencies that may come with future freight and high-speed rail improvements.
- Providing corridor access for future research, development, medical facilities, and economic growth on Curtis Road between I-57 and US-45.